

NDC News



An update on the national evaluation of the New Deal for Communities programme

Welcome!

In this edition you will find the latest round-up of the news from the NDC National Evaluation. It has been a busy year for the NDC evaluation team: four reports have been published and seven more are in the pipeline; Ipsos MORI is conducting its fourth Household Survey, and SDRC has revised key administrative statistics to take into account Office of National Statistics revisions to population data. Coming up is a learning event on succession, which will also launch the new guidance on NDC succession planning by Communities and Local Government.

New reports

- *Communications: Some lessons from the New Deal for Communities Programme*

This looks at how communication strategies have been developed in four case study NDCs - how they have worked progressively to raise their profiles, making local people and partner agencies aware of opportunities available via the NDC and the achievements of the partnership for the neighbourhood. It provides useful material and guidance for any neighbourhood level organisation with a remit for community engagement.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/ndccommunications>

- *Community Engagement: Some lessons from the New Deal for Communities Programme*

This report reviews the experiences of a small number of case study NDCs as they developed their community engagement strategies and provides practical advice for other organisations. It identifies some of the barriers and challenges encountered and suggests means for overcoming these.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/ndccommunityengagement>

- *Devising and delivering masterplanning at neighbourhood level: Some lessons from the New Deal for Communities Programme*

This reviews the experience of masterplanning as an approach to making large-scale physical changes in four case study NDC neighbourhoods. It provides an outline of the different approaches and roles adopted by the NDCs working with local community and delivery partners.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/ndcmasterplanning>

- *Working with Local Strategic Partnerships and Local Area Agreements: Some lessons from the New Deal for Communities Programme*

This is a review of the early experience of NDCs and LSPs. It delineates a range of mutual benefits that can arise from a close working relationship: NDCs have a lot of experience and expertise to offer LSPs and strengthening the relationship with LSPs can help ensure that NDC successor bodies are able to continue to deliver positive outcomes in their neighbourhoods.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/ndcworklspslaas>

In the pipeline

This Autumn/Winter should see a number of pieces of work by the National Evaluation Team coming to fruition with reports on the following:

- **Community Engagement** - case study research that seeks to assess the impact of community engagement on decision-making in NDC areas
- **Elections** - a review of the rationale, practices and impact of elections held by NDCs
- **The Young Advisor Scheme** - a review of some of the issues raised through the roll-out of this scheme in NDC areas
- **Succession Strategies** - looking at how partnerships are progressing with their succession strategies and identifying key lessons for implementation
- **Outcome change over time** - analysis of data from the 2002 -2006 household surveys and the beneficiary survey that looks at whether people who benefited from specific NDC projects had better outcomes than those who didn't
- **Residential mobility** - an in-depth analysis of the issues and evidence of the effect of population turnover in NDC areas focusing on the six case study areas
- **Worklessness** - analysis of how NDC have been addressing issues of worklessness focusing on the six case study areas

All these reports will be published on the evaluation website: http://extra.shu.ac.uk/ndc/ndc_reports_02.htm

MORI Household Survey 2008

The survey in 2008 is designed to measure change since the 2006 survey and includes:

- as many follow-up interviews as possible with those NDC residents who were contacted in the previous survey to track changes in their attitudes and circumstances;
- interviews with new respondents at the address where the original respondent has moved or died; and
- additional interviews with residents from a newly drawn random sample of addresses.

The sample size will consist of 400 interviews in each NDC area (giving a total of 15,600 interviews across all areas).

Fieldwork began in May and is due to finish shortly.

Data Outputs are listed in the table below. Please contact your Ipsos-MORI contact if you have any questions about the data outputs.

Data output	Date
2008 Marked up questionnaire/topline	28th November
2008 Key indicator topline	28th November
2008 Computer tables	12th December
2008 SPSS	w/c 12th January 2009

The Ipsos MORI survey team would be happy to respond to any queries on the survey. Contact Hayley Muller (020 7734 3252): hayley.muller@ipsos.com

Revised administrative data now available

All NDC administrative data was revised in July 2008. This is mainly a consequence of the Office for National Statistics revisions to local area population estimates. On 29 July 2008 the National Evaluation Team circulated by e-mail a series of administrative data packages that contained revised indicator data. These revised data packages are available to download from the National Evaluation website: http://extra.shu.ac.uk/ndc/ndc_data.htm

The National Evaluation Team is now focusing on producing the next raft of indicators under each of the relevant data streams. While we are not in a position to confirm when these indicators will be completed and supplied to partnerships, we are doing our utmost to achieve these deliverables as quickly as possible.

If you have any queries about NDC administrative data, contact: sdrc.queries@socres.ox.ac.uk

New national database for NDC partnerships

Communities and Local Government (CLG) is pleased to announce that data on outcome changes in NDC areas is now available via the Places Database: <http://www.places.communities.gov.uk/>

The Places Database was recently published on the internet and the data is presented in such a way that users can easily create data reports on individual partnerships, reports comparing different partnerships and make comparisons with other geographies (comparator neighbourhoods, districts, regions, etc). The data can be interrogated through charts and ranking functions and can be combined into simple reports.

The NDC data contains key indicators from both the Household Survey and the Administrative data released by SDRC earlier in the year. CLG will keep the database up to date, to reflect the latest administrative data and data from the survey.

For further information contact: Philippa Robinson, Philippa.robinson@communities.gsi.gov.uk

Health seminar: understanding and addressing health needs in deprived neighbourhoods

The NDC National evaluation team held a health seminar on August 5 in Birmingham, which brought together NDC Partnerships, Primary Care Trusts, local authority officers and other neighbourhood based partnerships to exchange experience and find out what is working in delivering and evaluating health interventions.

The event focused on understanding the patterns of health and well-being at a neighbourhood level; developing appropriate responses to address local health needs; and the challenges of evaluating complex neighbourhood level interventions.

The presentations of the day are available on the National Evaluation website: http://extra.shu.ac.uk/ndc/ndc_presentations.htm

For further information please contact Kairika Karsna, kairika.karsna@sharedintelligence.net

Coming up..

Moving forward from the NDC Programme: Sustainability planning for partnerships and local authorities

The next learning event is taking place on December 4th, in London, and will focus on NDC succession planning. The seminar will provide an opportunity for NDCs, and local authorities to discuss the potential opportunities arising from NDC succession planning.

The event will also launch new CLG guidance on NDC succession planning and highlight key lessons from forthcoming National Evaluation research. More information on the event will be sent out shortly to all NDC partnerships.

For further information please contact Kairika Karsna, kairika.karsna@sharedintelligence.net

We welcome comments and ideas about any aspect of the National Evaluation. In the first instance please contact the Director of the Evaluation, Paul Lawless: 0114 225 3529 or p.l.lawless@shu.ac.uk

Further information on the evaluation, including reports, resources, contacts and previous newsletters can be found on the evaluation website: <http://extra.shu.ac.uk/ndc/>